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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO PRIORITY

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1. WE ARE REPEATING REFTELS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. EA HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT, WHILE UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES PROPOSED EXHIBIT WOULD CREATE NEGLIGIBLE ADVERSE IMPACT IN JAPAN, TIMING FOR V-J DAY WOULD COME DURING OR IMMEDIATELY ON HEELS OF PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE THE IMPORTANT STATE VISIT OF THE EMPEROR TO THE UNITED STATES. THE EMPEROR'S VISIT, THOUGH PURELY CEREMONIAL, IS AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE MATTER IN JAPAN AND EVEN A SMALL SOUR NOTE COULD LOOM LARGE IN JAPANESE EYES, PERHAPS SERIOUSLY MARRING THE IMPACT WE WISH TO CREATE.

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3. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE WHICH EMBASSIES,

MOSCOW, WARSAW AND BUDAPEST ATTACH TO THIS ISSUE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE TOKYO'S ON THE SPOT APPRAISAL OF WHETHER PROPOSED DISPLAY WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS. PLEASE REPEAT RESPONSE TO WARSAW, MOSCOW, AND BUDAPEST.

4. EUR AND USIA SUGGESTS AS ANOTHER APPROACH, I.E. THAT WE PUT TOGETHER A MODEST EXHIBIT WHICH WOULD MAKE OUR POINT CONCERNING US ROLE IN WORLD WAR II WITHOUT AT THE SAME TIME

BEING OFFENSIVE TO JAPANESE. KISSINGER

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